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SUBJECT: TITO VISIT -- TITO CARTER MEETINGS

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1. IN ANSWER TO POINTS RAISED BY MAKSIĆ, YOU MAY SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT IS FLEXIBLE ABOUT THE STRUCTURE AND FORMAT OF THE MEETINGS. HE WILL HAVE AN INFORMAL PRIVATE MEETING WITH TITO IN THE OVAL OFFICE FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY IF TITO WISHES. THIS CAN LAST AS LONG OR AS BRIEFLY AS EITHER MAN WANTS, AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FULL BILATERAL MEETING. THE MEETING CAN ALSO BE FAIRLY INFORMAL, AND CAN COVER ANYTHING EITHER SIDE WANTS TO RAISE. WE FEEL IT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT, HOWEVER, IF THERE WERE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE RANGE OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED.

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WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE MEETINGS, ADDITIONAL PRIVATE TALKS CAN BE ARRANGED. ON PARTICIPATION, THE US SIDE WOULD ORDINARILY INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISORS, A GROUP OF 8 OR SO.

IF THE YUGOSLAVS PREFER A SMALLER NUMBER, WE WILL

TRY TO ACCOMMODATE, BUT SHOULD HAVE SOME IDEA
WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND.

2. ON PARALLEL CONVERSATIONS, THE SECRETARY
HAS AGREED TO HOLD A SEPARATE MEETING WITH MINIC,
SHOULD HE REQUEST ONE. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFTELS
WHETHER YUGOSLAVS WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE CONCURRENT
WITH A POSSIBLE TITO-CARTER PRIVATE MEETING OR AT
A DIFFERENT TIME.

3. WE HAVE ADDED THE TOPICS MAKSIC LISTED TO THOSE
WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS.

4. ON WELCOMING REMARKS AND TOASTS, IT IS NOT OUR
USUAL PRACTICE TO GIVE OUT PREPARED TEXTS IN ADVANCE,
SINCE THE PRESIDENT OFTEN ADDS EXTEMPORANEOUS
REMARKS. WE WILL, HOWEVER, CONSIDER THE POINT
ABOUT HAVING OUR "OFFICIAL" TEXT OF THE TOAST
READY IN ADVANCE.

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